Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I am afraid I cannot give any more information on this.

Maharaja's College.

399. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether resolutions have been received for this sitting regarding the desirability of having a College of Science at Ramavarmapuram and a College of Arts at Ernakulam;

(b) what will be the extra charge of teaching work alone if two such Colleges are to be run instead of one ;

(c) whether the Director of Public Instruction had placed before the Government any such scheme ;

(d) whether lands have been acquired for College extension works at Ernakulam and if so, what is the total amount already spent under this head and what rate;

(e) are there not costly buildings in the site now proposed to be acquired; what will be the approximate value of these buildings?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Resolutions were received for the last sitting.

(b) Exact figures are not yet available.

(c) No.

(d) Lands are in process of acquisition. No amount has been actually spent so far. Rates are only being worked out by the Diwan Peishkar.

(e) Yes, there are some. The valuation is not over.

400. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether a detailed estimate regarding the science block for the Maharaja's College to be constructed at Ernakulam had been submitted by the Diwan for the approval of His Highness the Maharaja; if so, when was it submitted?

(b) whether the said estimate has been approved by His Highness the Maharaja ? if not, why not;

(c) when was the said estimate returned from His Highness ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a), (b) and (c) Correspondence between His Highness and the Diwan is confidential.

401. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Madras University authorities have returned the plans for the extension of the Maharaja's College at Ernakualm unapproved; if so, when and why;

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(b) whether Mr. K. Ravunni Menon, the Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University, had any part in the discussion of the said plans by the University authorities;

(c) whether the Government are aware of Mr. K. Ravunni Menon's opinion on the decision of the Government not to shift the Maharaja's College to Ramavarmapuram ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Mr. Ravunni Menon as Vice-Chancellor presides over the Syndicate which discusses the plans.

(c) No.

402. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the Legislative Council was given an opportunity to express its views before the Government decided to shift the College to Ramavarmapuram; if so, when and how and if not, why not;

(2) whether the Government had published their proceedings just on the eve of the last general election to the Legislative Council to the effect that the matter of the transfer of the College would depend upon the decision of the Council and that the Government kept an open mind in the affair ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Yes.

The Council had opportunities to express its views, when the demands for the scheme were submitted to its vote during budget sessions.

(2) No proceedings were published by the Government just on the eve of the last general election. But the question of the location of the College had been re-opened in the Vrischigam Session of 1106 and was before the public.

Buildings—Ramavarampuram.

403. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date on which the foundation stone of the Ramavarmapuram College buildings was laid by the Ex-Diwan;

(b) the date on which the Government passed orders to lay the foundation stone on the said date;

(c) when were the tenders called for the construction of the Hostel buildings at Ramavarmapuram;

(d) was there any Gazette notification calling for tenders; if not, why not;

(e) how many contractors offered their tenders;
when were they informed to offer their tenders;

(f) is there any approved list of contractors in the State; were all of them informed regarding the contracts;

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